

## Member Services

ADVICE If you have a beekeeping question or problem just contact us via email, Facebook – or in person at one of our meetings.

CLUB 3-frame manual extractor  
EQUIPMENT 2 x Microscopes (stereo & compound)  
FOR LOAN Contact: Graham Flatt

BULK We have jars + metal lids for sale –  
PURCHASES 12oz hex £26 for 84  
1lb round £24 for 72  
Contact: Mike Lloyd Owen

NEWSLETTER Contributions are always welcome to our regular email newsletter, our Facebook page & Instagram site.  
Contact: Leanne ([leanattr@icloud.com](mailto:leanattr@icloud.com)) or Jayne ([26jesmith@gmail.com](mailto:26jesmith@gmail.com))

### Membership

Full Membership £35 per year

- includes insurance & affiliation to HBA & BBKA.

Associate Membership £10 per year

- great if you don't need the benefits of full membership and just want to attend our meetings.

### Swarm Collection

We provide a collection service for honey bee swarms via a team of local volunteer beekeepers. We ask for a small donation of £10 to cover costs.

Contact: Gill Atkins 07951 123365

## Contacts

### Committee

PRESIDENT	Gerry Fry	
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Jean Frost	David Cleeve
	Graham Flatt	Dylan Gussman
	Janet Mckenzie	Jackie Rowlands
	David Thompson	

### Other contacts

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Lin welcomes you to

### THORNES OF STOCKBRIDGE for all your beekeeping equipment

October to March Tue – Fri 9am – 5pm

April to Sept Tue – Fri 9am – 5pm & Sat 9am – 4pm  
closed on Bank Holidays

Chilbolton Down Farm, Stockbridge SO20 6BU

01264 810916 [www.thorne.co.uk](http://www.thorne.co.uk)

# Meon Valley Beekeepers Association

Charity Number 1151653



## Programme & Directory 2021

Queen colour for the year =

*Please note that all events this year may be subject to change due to the ongoing situation with Covid-19. We will follow government and local guidance to ensure everyone's safety.*

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## Beekeeping events

7 Jan	<b>Club night</b> Barbara Dale – Apitherapy, medical uses for bee products
4 Feb	<b>Club night</b> Bob Smith - Bee Anatomy
4 Mar	<b>Club night</b> Celia Davis – Communication and Control in Colony reproduction & swarming
1 Apr	<b>Club night</b> Adrian Kelly – Live Q&A, your chance to learn from a former inspector
16 – 18 Apr	<b>BBKA Spring Convention</b> Harper Adams University, Shropshire
1 May	<b>Annual Auction of bees &amp; equipment</b> Greatham Village Hall, GU33 6EY
7 Oct	<b>Club night</b> details tbc
4 Nov	<b>Club night</b> details tbc
2 Dec	<b>AGM &amp; Christmas party</b>

### Club nights

Throughout the winter, we meet via Zoom or in Warnford Village Hall (SO32 3LB) on the first Thursday of each month from 19:30 – 21:30.

Speakers are invited to talk on a range of interesting bee-related topics and there's also the chance to swap tips & stories.

Members - free entry    Non-members - £5

## Training programme

9 Feb 16 Feb 23 Feb 2 Mar 9 Mar 16 Mar 23 Mar	<b>Beekeeping Theory</b> 19:30 – 21:00
	£95 for 7-week course The first meeting will be in Warnford Village Hall (SO32 3LB) to collect your learning materials & meet the teaching team, then we'll move online for webinars & discussions.

### Practical Beekeeping for beginners & improvers

£100 for monthly sessions held during the beekeeping season April - October 2021.

Groups will meet Saturday or Sunday morning / afternoon depending on group size & preference.

All sessions will be held at our Training Apiary.

### Our club apiary

We have created a teaching apiary located in East Meon. It is used for teaching at all levels, beekeeping exams, swarm homing, queen rearing and honey production.

There are regular sessions from 10 - 12.30 on the 2nd Thursday and last Saturday of each month to maintain the site and undertake practical beekeeping tasks; plus inspection sessions to check bee health, swarming & hive management.

If you're not able to have your own hive, you can still grow your beekeeping skills by regularly attending the site accompanied by experienced club members.

## Public events

23 May	<b>Selborne Nature Festival</b> Gilbert White's House, Selborne, GU34 3JH
5 June	<b>West Meon Church Fete</b> West Meon House, GU32 1JG
tbc	<b>Bishops Waltham Carnival</b> Hoe Road Recreation Ground, SO32 1SF
13 June	<b>Bee Taster Day (£50)</b> 10:30 - 16:30 Starting in East Meon Village Hall, GU32 1PF then some live bee action in our Apiary
17 July	<b>Curdrige Show</b> Reading Room Lane, SO32 2HE
4 Sept	<b>Alresford Show</b> Tichborne, SO24 0PN
25 Sept	<b>Bishops Waltham Country Fayre</b> St Peters Church, SO32 1PW

### Get involved!

MVBKA attend local fetes and fairs to promote knowledge & understanding of beekeeping with our wider community. Our display includes a children's quiz, observation hive, honey for sale, candle rolling, and information boards.

Sharing your beekeeping knowledge at public events is fun – all members are encouraged to help out and it's a great opportunity to chat about bees and sell any spare honey & hive products.

Contact Jean Frost to find out who's organising each individual show.